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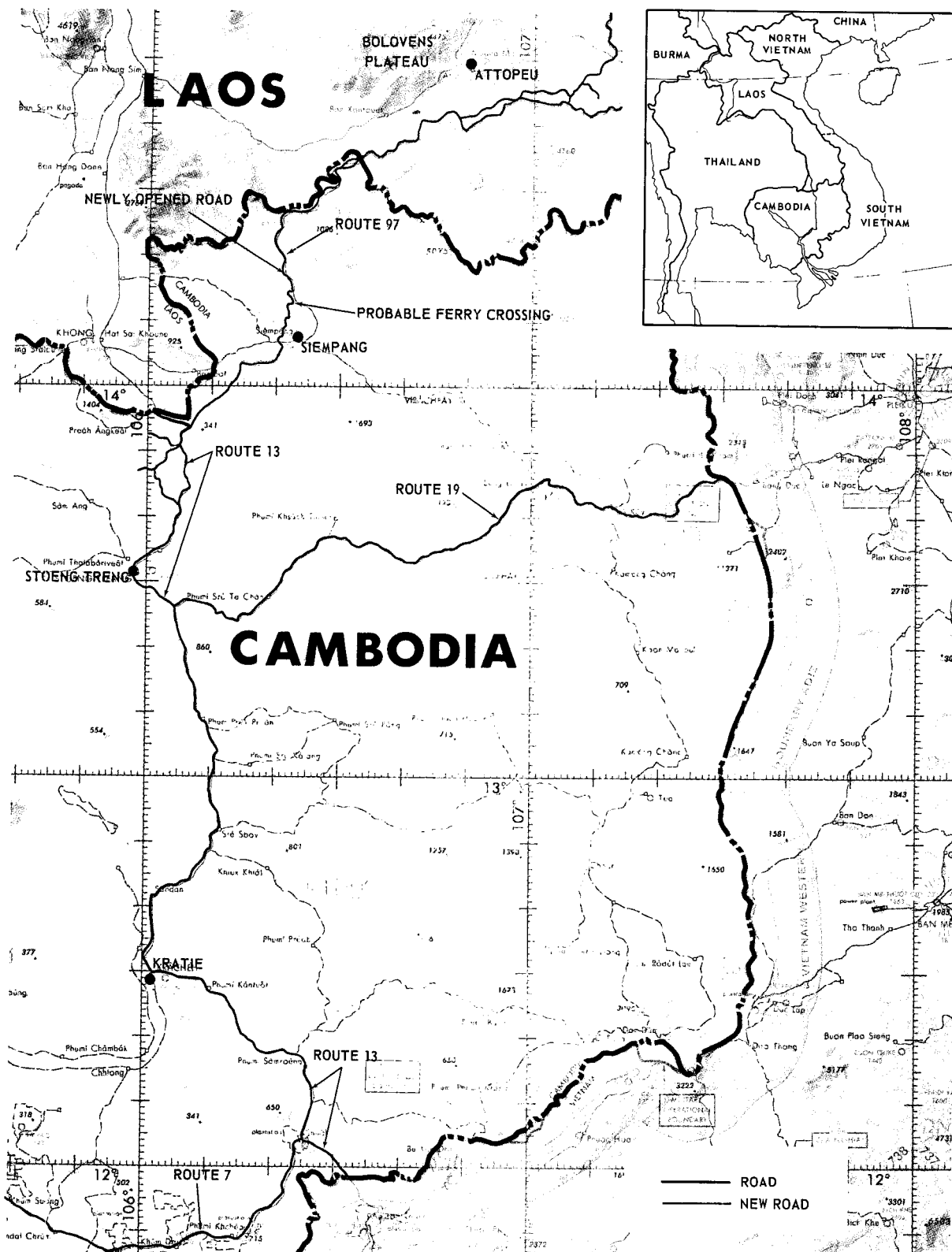


FIGURE 5. NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE IN CAMBODIA.

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CAMBODIA

North Vietnamese Open Road in Cambodia

Recent photography shows that a newly opened motorable road now connects the Ho Chi Minh Trail network in southern Laos with Route 13, the major north-south route in northern Cambodia. The opening of this new overland logistics route will greatly improve the North Vietnamese ability to resupply their forces in eastern Cambodia, particularly during the late dry season when transport on the Tonle Kong and Mekong Rivers becomes difficult.

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Between late [REDACTED] approximately 65 nm of road was constructed or improved and is now in use. At the northern end, the road starts at the Laotian border and closely parallels Route 97, which was last used in late [REDACTED] to a point some 5 nm north of Siempang. It then extends generally southwest, intersecting Route 13.

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A few miles further south, a 15-nm segment of motorable road parallels and provides an alternate to Route 13. This segment was first identified on early [REDACTED] photography when only a trail had been cut through the area. Since that time it has been widened and improved to accommodate vehicles. A spur road leading west from this route to a point near the Mekong was newly identified on the [REDACTED] photography.

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